

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY BOARD**  
**May 19, 2016 – Regular Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m. – Building Construction Services Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Joe Huerta, Gerald Bassett, David Gervais, Richard Redican, and Tom Ireland

**County:** Kelly Louttit, Matt Logan, Karen Dorsett, Francine Lisby and Tara Musselman

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call determined a quorum was present. Membership status was reviewed.

**Changes to the Agenda:** None

- The meeting minutes from February 17, 2016 were unanimously approved as written.

**Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit):**

- None

**Unfinished Business:**

- Parallel Lock- Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of obtaining a separate contractor for the design and permitting portion of the project. Mr. Logan will put the project out to bid after investigating all viable cost effective options for the project.
- Southern Lock: Mr. Ireland said an unspecified outside party is investigating possible funding from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Mr. Ireland advised that Commissioner Deutsch is in favor of the lock and has the experience and contacts to promote the lock. Mr. Ireland said Commissioner Deutsch has volunteered to be the advocate to promote the construction of the southern lock.
- Lock Instruction Recording Update-EHM – Mr. Ireland stated the recording sounds better than the previous recording and if the volume needs to be increased the Advisory Board can make it happen.
- Remaining Lock Repairs- The lock repairs are in process and Ms. Musselman stated a change order will be done to include the replacement of four pilings and the outside lock wall bottom crossbar.
- Blind Curve Signs for waterways: Ms. Musselman said the Blind Curve sign installation is on hold until the Army Corp of Engineer's permit is obtained.
- Aquatic Weed Control Update – Ms. Musselman stated Mr. Hunter has been contacted to provide an update on the aquatic weed control and Ms. Musselman will forward the findings to the Advisory Board when the information becomes available.
- Funding for Cattail removal in Interceptor Lagoon: Ms. Musselman stated a legal request has been submitted and will forward the information to the Advisory Board when it becomes available. Mr. Ireland asked for a cost estimate for cattail removal. Ms. Musselman will inquire with Mr. Hunter.

**New Business:**

- 6 Month Actual: Ms. Musselman distributed financial reports for Advisory Board review and discussion. Ms. Musselman asked if the reports can be emailed when they become available. The Advisory Board confirmed.
- Activity Report: Ms. Musselman distributed reports for Advisory Board review and discussion. Ms. Dorsett introduced herself and asked the Advisory Board to start thinking about future projects for the upcoming budget cycle.

**Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit):**

- Ms. Curtis asked if any rules or regulations are in place regarding the removal of cattails. Ms. Musselman advised the regulations can be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection. Discussion continued by the Advisory Board regarding proper disposal of cattails.
- Mr. Watson asked why the southern lock was denied in the past. Mr. Ireland stated many State and Federal agencies are involved and due to many environmental factors permits are difficult to obtain. Mr. Watson stated he is investigating water quality pertaining to the Quality Mine and said the new owner is making the mine a Sturgeon fish farm.

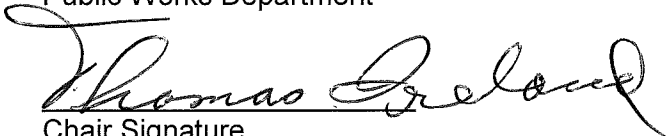
**Advisory Board Open Discussion**

- Mr. Redican asked Ms. Musselman to schedule the water quality presentation.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for August 30, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Building Construction Services Conference Room and November 8, 2016 at 9:30 am in the San Casa Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Submitted by:  
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Chair Signature

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